(a) whether the issues involved have been satisfactorily settled; and

(b) if not, by when they are likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) According to information obtained from Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore, there is no moratorium on release of non-Kannada films in the State at present.

(b) Does not arise.

TV serials shown on private channels

2199. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the TV serials being shown on some of the private channels keep on dragging the serials for years together on the basis of conspiracies, misunderstanding and crimes;

(b) if so, whether Government have ever issued any warning or raised any objections against any of the current serials, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any Censor Board to censor the objectionable and shameful contents of the various programmes shown on TV; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Government has no role to play in programming matters of private channels. However, programmes of all private channels transmitted/retransmitted through the Cable and DTH Network are required to adhere to the Programme Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. Action for violation of the codes is taken from time to time.

(c) There is no pre-censorship of television content. Television, as a medium, does not lend itself to such censorship.